

August 14, 1979

Memo to File:

RE: Ash Claims  
Continental Nuclear, Inc.  
San Juan County, Utah

Mike Thompson and Tom Suchoski of the Division staff visited the sites of the Ash Claims #49 and #55, on August 1, 1979. This was done to determine the qualification of the operations as DOE's.

The two claims are connected by a surface access road. The lower operation, Ash #49, consists of approximately 2.5 acres disturbed area, 1 portal, and one section of caved tunnel. The upper operation, Ash #55, consists of approximately 3.0 acres disturbed area, 1 portal, storage area for equipment, and a powder magazine. Access road to the two operations disturbs approximately 1 acre.

These operations do not meet the qualification of disturbed area limitations. The operator should be contacted to determine the production in a 12 month period. Though from the staff members' observations it appears that more than 500 tons of material have been moved.

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